



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration  
Atlanta District Office**

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60 8th Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

February 3, 1999

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Donald Hamlet, President  
Randolph Packing Company  
403 W. Balfour Ave.  
Asheboro, N.C. 27203

**WARNING LETTER**

Dear Mr. Hamlet:

An inspection of your operation located in Asheboro, North Carolina by a Food and Drug Administration investigator, Joe A. Odom, confirmed that you purchased animals from [REDACTED] that had been medicated. You slaughtered these animals for human food without observing a sufficient period prior to slaughtering. These animals were in violation of Section 402 (a)(2)(D) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act).

You should take prompt action to correct the above violations and to establish procedures whereby such violations do not recur. Failure to do so may result in regulatory action without further notice such as seizure and/or injunction.

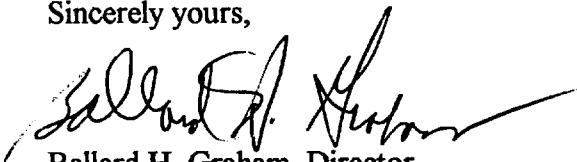
The violations listed above are not intended to be an all inclusive list. As a slaughterhouse of animals, you are frequently the individual who introduces or offers for introduction into interstate commerce the adulterated food. As such, you share the responsibility for violating the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. To avoid future illegal residue violations, you should take precautions such as:

- 1) implementing a system to determine from the source of the animal whether the animal has been medicated and with what drug(s); and
- 2) if the animal has been medicated, implementing a system to withhold the animal from slaughter for an appropriate period of time to deplete potentially hazardous residues of drugs from edible tissue. If you do not want to hold the medicated animal, then it should not be offered for human food, and it should be clearly identified and sold as a medicated animal.

You should be aware that it is not necessary for you to have personally shipped meat in interstate commerce to be responsible for violation of the Act.

Please advise this office in writing by February 26, 1999, of the specific action you have taken or intend to take to bring your operation into compliance with the law, including measures to prevent the recurrence of similar violations. Your response should be directed to Barbara A. Wood, Compliance Officer, at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ballard H. Graham", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ballard H. Graham, Director  
Atlanta District